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Sustainability, efficiency and partnership were the main focus of Fort Leonard Wood's commanding general before an audience of more than 130 civic leaders of the four-county region (Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas) surrounding Fort Leonard Wood.

Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, provided his perspective during the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership 2013 Conference last week at the Waynesville Career Center in Waynesville.

"When I heard about the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership, I knew that this was a great idea. I wanted to support it," said Smith, who commands the Army's oldest of eight Training and Doctrine Command centers of excellence.

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"Bottom line is that we know that resources are going to be dwindling over time," said Smith. "So we have to figure out, how do we as a community, become more effective and efficient."

Smith cited examples of Fort Leonard Wood's established practices to achieve sustainability, reduce energy consumption, increase energy efficiency and research use of renewable energy sources.

Practices include use of training simulators, eliminating temporary barracks, automatic computer shut down, lighting retrofits, climate system updates, use of solar and geothermal technology and upgrading the wastewater treatment plant.

He said over the last eight years, the installation has achieved cost savings in some areas, but the work to find better ways of managing resources is not over.

"We've really got to figure out how to become more efficient," Smith said. "We have to think about better ways to use wind, solar [power], water, which we have a lot of."

"We've made a lot of progress, but we know there are going to be challenges because we know over time there will be less money," said Smith. "So that's where the community comes in. We need your help as a community to figure out those solutions so we can predict - what we call in the Army, 'lead up' - what needs to happen and get ahead of it."

In addition to change, Smith said we will need to go beyond our installation, region and state to show the unique differentiators that Fort Leonard Wood brings to the table to meet the needs of the nation.

"If you didn't know, we have one-of-a-kind capabilities that exist here, that no other place has, not only in the U.S., but the world," he said. "We have to make sure we leverage those one-of-a-kind capabilities and show people what we do."



Some of those capabilities include: Special Victims Unit training, the Maj. Gen. Paul Timmerberg Forensic Science Training Facility, the Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith Counter Explosives Hazard Center, the E.F. Bullene Chemical Defense Training Facility, and the Lt. Joseph Terry Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Responder Facility, Smith said.

Smith expressed the need for continued support to ensure an excellent quality of life for the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, civilians and Families who serve our nation.

"We as a community are responsible for each other," he said. "I am invested not only in you, but in your kids, and in turn your kids' kids. Because if we have invested in them, that means the community is better—that means the nation is better by doing that."

The Sustainable Ozarks Partnership is a result of the Army's Integrated Strategic Sustainability Plan to ensure that Soldiers have the land, water and air resources needed to train; a healthy environment; adaptable facilities; and the support of local communities, government officials and the American people.

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Battle Labs 'Go To War' To Assess Capabilities of Reshaped Army

By Patrick Buffett

FORT LEE, Va. -- Many Team Lee members refer to the Combined Arms Support Command as the Army's "sustainment think tank."

It's a big-picture acknowledgment of the command's ability to analyze, develop and implement the right blends of training, resources, procedural guidelines and doctrine to meet the logistical needs of the future Army.

A wide assortment of offices and organizations contribute to the sustainment center's mission. Particularly noteworthy is the current work performed by CASCOM's Sustainment Battle Lab. Its staff, along with expert advisors from the three pillars of the sustainment community -- Ordnance, Quartermaster and Transportation -- are often asked to "go to war" and apply proposed logistical concepts to see how they work.

The FY13 Army Phase III Simulation Exercise that concluded Aug. 2 was the battle lab's biggest success story to date, according to Maj. Joseph Chretien, the Models and Simulations officer for the lab. More than 800 military and civilian role-players, evaluators and computer engineers from 12 installations across the U.S. participated in the SIMEX. The event was organized by the Mission Command Battle Lab at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Its results will not only shape the future of Army sustainment, but also the overall "Army of 2020" initiative itself.

"Actually, experiment is a better description of the event," Chretien said. "Our goal was not to validate future force development concepts or attempt to identify capability flaws. We applied specific C4I (command, control, communications, computers and intelligence) concepts, or learning demands as we call them, and carefully recorded the data so it can be studied afterward."

Other key participants in the exercise included the Maneuver, Fires, Aviation, Signal, Intelligence and Maneuver Support Centers of Excellence at forts Benning (Ga.), Sill (Okla.), Rucker (Ala.), Gordon (Ga.), Huachuca (Ariz.), and Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.), respectively. The Space and Missile Defense Center, Colorado Springs, Colo., the Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., and the Army Capabilities Integration Center at Fort Eustis also participated.

The Sustainment Battle Lab has never played such a major role in a nationwide simulation experiment, Chretien said. Two years ago, its participation would have been limited to a handful of experts sitting in a command center elsewhere and providing occasional input. Today, a "collaborative simulation environment" allows logistical experts to deliver support and analysis from Fort Lee, and that input is more valued than ever as war-fighting units realize the importance of logistics and its consideration when preparing for the challenges of future operations.

"I think this exercise truly reflected that change in mentality," said Clark Swindell, a Models and Simulations contractor for the battle lab. "We had 20 role-players and simulation inter-actors pulling busy seven-hour shifts throughout the event. It shows that (sustainment is) now a major topic ... that this piece has to be correct if (America's armed forces) want to keep winning the fight."



The battle lab team also is proud of its role in the 8-month planning process that led up to the actual two-week SIMEX. Through a series of planning conferences and telephonic reviews, they developed solutions to computer software and communication issues that ultimately contributed to the success of the overall exercise. The team also helped develop a scenario that included real-world challenges like unfavorable weather and terrain, lack of infrastructure and unexpected events like vehicle breakdowns and local civilians asking for water.

"All of that work is ultimately reflected in the day-to-day exercise activity," Chretien said. "There has to be a lot of interaction (the role players used email, chat rooms, radio, telephone and C2 devices) to give the exercise evaluators the data they need to validate, or invalidate, the key concepts that were included in the scenario. I think we definitely met that requirement."

The results of the SIMEX will be presented to Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond Odierno and other senior leaders and component commanders. Without a doubt, they will be looking at major factors like available manpower, maneuverability, complications that hinder the completion of a mission and, perhaps, additional uses for "think-tanks" like CASCOM's Sustainment Battle Lab.

"Hopefully, we established a standard for future simulation exercises," Swindell said. "This was a crowning achievement for the Sustainment Center of Excellence and the Sustainment Battle Lab. Knowing we played an important part in a strategic, high-visibility exercise that was unlike others in the past is reason to be proud of this accomplishment."

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On Aug. 8, the athletes and coaching staff dined with military personnel at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. According to Rich Rodriguez, U of A football head coach, the meet-and-greet dinner with the military and having Maj. Gen. Robert Ashley, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca, speak to the team were the highlights of the camp.

"Everything else we do is secondary to the dinner we have with [the Soldiers] --everything," Rodriguez said.

Earlier that evening, Rodriguez met with lieutenants from Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion. The Soldiers packed Fitch Auditorium at Alvarado Hall to hear him discuss his life, career, coaching strategies and the recruitment process. A portion of the meeting was town hall style, where Soldiers could ask the coach questions.

During the question-and-answer session, Rodriguez talked to the lieutenants about his leadership skills. He explained how the football program must be like a family.

Even though there are 105 players, the staff must know everybody's name, where they are from and their individual stories. He discussed how getting to know each player personally helps him to motivate each one to be their best out on the field.

"The greatest thing that happens is when a kid calls me 10 to 15 years down the road, and he says, 'Coach, I really appreciated the experience, I'd do it all over again in the same place with the same people.' If he says that -- I did my job," Rodriguez said, adding that he hoped the leaders in the room felt the same way about their troops.

On Sunday, the Wildcats had one last Soldier activity planned before their departure to Tucson.

They took on an obstacle course challenge at Robert Scheetz Warrior Complex with the assistance of Soldiers from the 18th Military Police Detachment; Company C, 304th MI Bn.; Marine Corps Detachment; Select Honor Guard; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

The team was broken down and competed in groups and were judged based on course completion time. The university groups were up against groups of Soldiers. The U of A upperclassmen came in with the best time at two minutes and 34 seconds, followed by the Marine Corps Detachment's two minutes and 47 seconds. Players also viewed a demonstration at the K-9 demo obstacle course, where they learned the role of dogs in the military and training methods.



Sgt. 1st Class Craig Hannum, 18th Military Police Det., was the event's main coordinator. He hopes the Wildcats' experience with the Soldiers helps them with their own teamwork.

"Usually they're about getting across the field as quickly as possible, getting through the play," Hannum said. "[The military is] about staying together as a team, because the mission is about staying together as a team."

During the course, each group of participating players was instructed to leave no one behind. The Wildcats could not advance to the following obstacle until the previous one was completed by each group member.

Overall, Rodriguez said by bringing U of A football players to Fort Huachuca, he wanted them to see what making a commitment and sacrifice is all about when they use those words to describe college football.

" ... [Football players] get an opportunity. The men and women here at Fort Huachuca, they're the ones making a commitment and sacrifice, so that's why I come here. I hope they get a sense of it," he said.

This was the sixth consecutive year the U of A Wildcats held their pre-season camp here.

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4th MEB Soldiers Prepare For Disaster Response Mission

By Staff Sgt. Heather Denby

JENNINGS FAIR GROUNDS, Ind. — After traveling more than 400 miles, Soldiers of the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade rally alongside thousands of participants at this year's national Department of Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear disaster response training exercise based out of Camp Atterbury, Ind.

The Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers will be responsible for the command and control of all personnel assigned to one of four task forces within the Defense CBRN Response Force, Task Force Operations, which is assembled from all branches of service deploying from across the U.S.

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Chan said that his transportation team and the rest of Task Force Operations Joint Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration is a critical force multiplier for the exercise.

"Our mission is to assist 167th Theater Sustainment Command and 140th Movement Control Team to track and receive more than 800 pieces of equipment and more than 300 containers in only a few days and then task organize them for onward movement in the Joint Operating Area," Chan said. "This process is vital to the swift activation of DCRF so that we, as a team, can assist emergency responders when it matters most."

The DCRF consists of about 5,200 personnel to include Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians from active-duty and reserve units. The DCRF is a scalable force that is part of a larger collaborative response capability between local, state, tribal and federal agencies, according to the official Joint Task Force-Civil Support website.

JTF-CS coordinates the confirmation of units assigned to DCRF through key training exercises like Vibrant Response.

Collaborative training prior to confirmation is an important part of ensuring mission success, according to the 4th MEB executive officer.

"Historically, Vibrant Response participants have gone straight in to the confirmation exercise once they hit the ground here," said Maj. Todd Heintzelman. "This year, we have been provided with an opportunity to train together with these units, who come from all over the country, to work out some of the critical tactics, techniques and procedures collectively prior to receiving notification that we must respond to a catastrophic incident."

Heintzelman and the rest of Task Force Operations will spend the next couple days collaborating and then put their skills to the test by responding to a catastrophic incident designed for them at the



Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex.

"Last year's exercise was chaotic," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Leahy, Task Force Operations liaison officer. "There were explosions and dramatic rescues; there were literally thousands of people all over the area who needed help."

Leahy was assigned to the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade during their DCRF rotation and is now assigned to 4th MEB.

"The biggest part is getting the right people, in the right places, at the right time to save lives and prevent further injury," Leahy said. "Whatever [the training scenario] is...I know it will require training for teamwork to get the job done right."

Leahy is one of several liaison officers that will relay critical information from JTF-CS to the task forces participating in the exercise.

The exercise is slated to conclude next week

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